

Questions and Answers

1.Q Is there a required program match to the \$2 million provided by TANF? (e.g. total program revenue of \$3 million = \$2 million from TANF & \$1 million from other source s).

1.A No other matching funds required.

2.Q Will only one entity be selected for funding?

2.A Yes.

3.Q Who is considered a nonprofit organization to develop an IDA? Credit Union or a Leading Institution?

3.A Entities eligible to apply are:

- local or statewide public or quasi-public agencies
- non-profit agencies (as determined by the IRS)
- for-profit organizations

whose mission is to develop innovative and strategic programming solutions suited to the unique needs of Louisiana's communities as a statewide approach.

4.Q Can more than one non-profit organization or local government collaborate to submit this proposal. In other words, can we submit this proposal as a tri-parish?

4.A Yes, more than one non-profit organization or local government can collaborate. However, the proposal has to be for services provided statewide.

5.Q Definition of "home"...does that include mobile homes, or other non-traditional homes such as pre-manufactured, modular.

5.A A home is defined as an individual's principal residence. Examples of a home include a condo, townhouse, single-family residence, duplex, mobile/manufactured homes.

6.Q When is the effective date for the contract?

6.A The effective date will be July 1, 2006.

7.Q With a July 1, 2006 start, how much time is envisioned for program planning? collaborative development? Subcontract development?

7.A Proposers should determine the amount of time needed and include in the proposal the time for program planning and collaborative development.

8.Q Formal agreement & partnership with a financial institution is required 30 days after meeting. What meeting is this?

8.A See page 6 section 2.2 - second paragraph of RFP.

9.Q By statewide, do you mean this service must be provided in all nine regions of the state?

9.A Yes.

10.Q Would statewide be including all 8 or 9 regions?

10.A Yes, statewide includes all 9 regions.

11.Q Contract parameters - please clarify: Match requirements from other sources?

11.A The only match is TANF funds.

12.Q. Contract parameters - please clarify: Target # of participants.

12.A Proposer should determine the target number and include in the proposal.

13. Q Contract parameters - please clarify: Preferred formula for statewide distribution of funds/participation.

13. A Proposer should determine this formula and include in the proposal.

14.Q Contract parameters - please clarify: Required time of delivery/performance schedule

14.A Proposer should determine the time of delivery and performance and include in the proposal.

15.Q While understanding that this is a cost-reimbursement contract, is it possible to secure 10% of the funding upfront to support program initiation? If so, would you please describe how that would work?

15.A Upfront funding must be requested in advance with appropriate justification. Approval will be authorized on an individual basis.

16.Q In reading the instructions – I did not see the amount for possible grant award. Is there a specific amount?

16.A Approximately 2 million dollars is available for the Initiative.

17.Q Does “statewide” means the entire state or can contractors concentrate in state regions. For example, we are in Region 8 which includes at least 11 parishes. Would we be eligible for consideration if we concentrated in the northeast region of the state?

17.A Refer to the responses for questions #4, #9, and #10.

18.Q Where would I locate DSS Procurement Policies?

18.A Procurement policies can be found at the following web-site address:

<http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/Publications/ProcurementHandbook.pdf>

19.Q How long after June 30, 2007, may that account stay open and considered a viable part of this program? Depending upon the start time of account activity, the 15 months could quite possibly extend to June 30, 2008, for example.

19.A Unless the contract is extended, accounts cannot stay open passed June 30, 2007.

20.Q At termination, June 30, 2007, how will unexpended match dollars was well as administrative and services support dollars handled?

20.A Refer to Section 4.2.A 1 last bullet in the RFP.

21.Q Will extensions on the expenditure of that funding be granted in order to support active accounts? If so, when would you consider application for an extension and for what amount of time?

21.A Refer to Section 2.7 in the RFP.